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### Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Archives



*L'abbé Philippe and Eric Legrand, grand nephews of Rev. Philip Ruh, omi, with the Ruh papers - August 2004*

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Archives is a relatively new institutional member of the Association for Manitoba Archives, achieving accreditation in 2002. The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada was founded in 1912, when Blessed Nykyta Budka was installed as the first bishop. Governed by canon law, the archives originates from the same time.

Between 1891 and 1914, 170,000 Ukrainian settlers had established communities mainly throughout the prairies. The clergy of the Latin Catholic Church soon realized these people needed their own clergy of the Byzantine rite, priests who spoke the language and understood the culture. Gilbert Comeault, our colleague at the Provincial Archives, discussed the subject in his master's dissertation, "*The Politics of the Manitoba School Question and Its Impact on L.-P.-A. Langevin's Relations with Manitoba's Catholic Minority Groups,*" 1977.

There are now five eparchies encompassing all of Canada: Winnipeg, New Westminster, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Toronto. Bishop Budka was succeeded by Bishop Basil Ladyka, OSBM, in 1929; succeeded by Archbishop Maxim Hermaniuk, CSsR, in 1956, who was appointed Metropolitan shortly after; and who in turn

was succeeded by the current Metropolitan, Michael Bzdel, CSsR, in 1993. The Church has grown as the Ukrainian population in Canada has grown, in particular between the two World Wars and after the Second World War. In the latest Canadian census, over one million Canadians claimed Ukrainian as their cultural background.

Each eparchy houses its own archives, in addition to the Basilian and Redemptorist orders, and the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Archeparchial archives houses the papers of bishops Budka and Ladyka, and the papers of Metropolitan Hermaniuk. In fact, as an institutional member of the AMA, the Archeparchial archives received a Control of Holdings grant to process Metropolitan Hermaniuk's Papers, from June 2003 to April 2004. We created our first finding aid as an accredited repository.

Some AMA members may remember Sister Cornelia Mantyka, SSMI, Archeparchial archivist for several years in the eighties. Sister Cornelia worked diligently to process the papers of the first two bishops, among other things. She, like the current archivist, found great support and assistance from her archival peers, through training offered by the AMA's precursor, the Association for Manitoba Archivists.

As one might expect, much of the material in our archives is in Ukrainian, but English, Latin, French and most of the European languages, as well as Old Church Slavonic, are to be found among the various documents. Even beyond Europe, Ukrainians migrated to Brazil during the 1890s, and after the Second World War a number of Ukrainians settled in Australia. Metropolitan Hermaniuk visited the new community within their first decade of settlement in Australia.

The Archives shares the second floor of the newer wing of the Archbishop's Chancery with the Library and with the St. Volodymyr Museum. The Museum features a

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## Chair's message to AMA members



**2004-2005 AMA Board**

*Carole Barnabé (Information and Outreach Committee), Alf Redekopp (Finance Committee), Paula Warsaba (Education and Advisory Services Committee), Elizabeth Blight (Membership Committee), Jody Baltessen (Chair)*

Your Board met recently to begin planning 2004-2005 program activities and other initiatives for the AMA. The Board welcomes Paula Warsaba, a new member this year, who has accepted the challenge of chairing Education. Returning chairs are: Alf Redekopp – Finance and Grants; Elizabeth Blight – Membership; Carole Barnabe –

Info/Outreach. I look forward to working with the Board and AMA members throughout the coming year.

As you are likely aware, advocacy is high on the AMA agenda this year, particularly with respect to the CCA, its future, its relationship with Canadian archives and with the Library and Archives Canada (LAC). Of equal importance is the future direction to be taken by the LAC. At the CCA General Assembly in November, delegates identified several “messages” they hoped the LAC had captured during its recent round of consultations: that the CCA is vital to the archival community in Canada; that the CCA has a role in developing and maintaining national initiatives such as standards; that the relationship between the CCA and the LAC needs to be strengthened; that the Canadian archival community must be part of the consultation process.

While we continue to maintain that change can be beneficial, your Board is drafting materials for use by members to ensure that voices from the Canadian archival community are heard at the local and national level. The “kit” will be available to all AMA members in the very near future. Stay tuned!

Jody Baltessen



*Ruh fonds: 7m of documents and photos*

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display of arks, many of which are hand-hewn and have been salvaged from closed churches, mainly from rural locations.

The central museum display simulates the interior of an early pioneer church, while outside the curator's office hang paintings salvaged from the Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portage la Prairie, which was razed in 1983. The church had been built by the Oblate, Reverend Philip Ruh, OMI, designer and builder of more than forty churches in Canada between 1913 and 1962. His

papers, held at the Archeparchial archives, are of continual interest to researchers.

About 10% of the fifty linear metres of the holdings have been processed. The rest, in particular the photo collections, are stunning reminders of what we all know to be true: documentation and identification increase the value of archival material beyond imagination! Stooped over my desk, then, and hoping you'll drop down one day, let me say “do pobachennya!” Bye!

Gloria Romaniuk

## The Canadian Wartime Experience: The Documentary



Winnipeg Tribune Collection  
*Students protest Vietnam War.*

As the numbers of Canadian veterans continue to dwindle, it is of vital importance that archivists and historians make a concerted effort to recount the history of all Canadians during times of conflict, at home and abroad, so that it is not lost to future generations. The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has attempted to do just that through the creation of its latest on-line endeavour, “The Canadian Wartime Experience: The Documentary Legacy of Canada at War.” Over ten thousand documents and photographs, from nineteen collections within the Archives’ holdings, have been digitized and mounted on the Internet. These images detail Canada’s role in a number of conflicts including the Red River Resistance, the Boer War, the First and Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The content of the digitized material describes the varying roles played by Canadians during times of conflict. For example, the website features diary entries of a soldier’s trek to Manitoba with the Wolseley Expedition as they prepared to put down the Riel Resistance. Daily dispatches recounting the events of the Boer War have also been digitized. Soldiers’ letters home, plus a first-hand account of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles comprise a small portion of the digitized material detailing the First World War. The work of one Canadian’s involvement in the Women’s Voluntary Service in England and the account of the internment of a suspected Nazi sympathizer in eastern Canada are examples of some of the material digitized relating to the Second World War. Newspaper

clippings and photographs from the *Winnipeg Tribune* provide an account of Canadian involvement in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

This digitized archival material is intended to aid researchers of all ages by providing access to primary sources for a topic that is of continuing interest in the history community. Archives & Special Collections has also created a complimentary educational site featuring student activities and teachers’ guides for Grades Four, Six, Senior 1, and Senior 3. The educational site is intended to introduce students to the rich resources found in archives. The activities utilize archival material and supplement the lessons taught in history curricula. The Grades Four and Six components of the educational site feature activities relating to Louis Riel and the Metis. The Grades Nine and Eleven components of the educational site contain numerous activities relating to peacekeeping, human rights, and world conflicts.

Researchers from all over the globe will now be able to access primary records relating to some of the more pertinent events in Canadian history with just the click of a mouse. Primary and secondary students will also be privy to this archival material and will be able to utilize it in the execution of several interactive, multi-media, educational activities. The Canadian Wartime Experience website provides an opportunity to ensure the preservation of the historical legacy of our nation during wartimes.

To view the website, please visit:

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/canada\\_war/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/canada_war/)

Brett Lougheed



Winnipeg Tribune Collection  
*Memorial Ceremony*

## Why you should care about funding for archives

Thanks in part to great archival work by her church conference Sherryl Koop won a precedent setting case against Revenue Canada. At stake was a tax deduction for clergy housing. Revenue Canada earlier ruled that Koop was not in a valid ministerial role and would not receive tax credits as an unordained minister. The Canadian Council of Christian Charities got involved by hiring three skilled lawyers to defend her.

In 1998 Sherryl Koop was called to the Tax Court of Canada to defend herself against Revenue Canada. She was a minister of the Manitoba Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and previously held a position with a non-profit organization as chaplain at four penal institutions for youth in the province. As a part of her case she needed to prove that she had had an official commissioning service by her home congregation and that people from the denomination had been present at this commissioning (instead of ordination). The guidelines of Revenue Canada stipulate that a minister that is commissioned needs to have this service published in their home congregation and then have evidence that this service took place. As a result the archives of the denomination were approached to provide the bulletins from McIvor Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg that listed the details of the service. This bulletin from 1986, combined with the order of service listed there, became a pivotal piece of evidence in her case, which she won.

According to *Christianity Today*, Judge D.G.H. Bowman declared that Koop was in effect a minister of the congregation. He considered factors such as income level, whether the individual acted as a minister of a congregation or as a member of a religious order, and whether the work emphasized more proselytism or social work. He declared that Koop was in fact a minister of a

### Used mobile shelving for sale.

The Centre for MB Studies is looking for statements of interest in a used above floor mobile shelving system - excellent condition.

Total size 12 feet 5 inches wide, 22 feet 5 inches long, 8 feet 4 inches high.  
13 banks of shelving 16.5 inches deep

Availability ca. March-April 2005.

Price: to be determined

Contact: Conrad Stoesz  
cstoesz@mbconf.ca or 669-6575

### Congratulations Shelley Sweeney

University of Manitoba faculty and staff members were recognized at a special ceremony Tuesday for outstanding community involvement. The university confers Outreach Awards each year on faculty and staff who have made exemplary contributions to the broader community. **Dr. Shelley Sweeney** was recognized for making the archives at the university more accessible to the community by organizing events to showcase the collection; for her tremendous efforts to secure continuous funding for archives processing and preservation; and for acquiring many new materials for the university, including papers and historical photographs.

congregation and given her ministry and level of self-sacrifice, earlier rulings by Revenue Canada to be a "little short of startling".

Archives play many different roles in society. Documents are preserved for legal, theological, genealogical, inspirational, sentimental and democratic reasons. In this case the documents were used to maintain the democratic rights of a minority group. Preserving and making bulletins accessible to people is not a priority of the federal government – nor should it be. However governments should recognize that records held by small archives are important to maintaining democratic freedoms for all Canadians. To Sherryl, her denomination, and others in her position these documents are very important.

Another reason why some public money should be used to fund private archives is because religious archives often hold the story of the founding and settling of Canada. These materials are used by the public at large to tell Canada's story. For these reasons it is important to allow archives and their sponsoring bodies the freedom to collect and preserve documents they deem useful while providing funds to make more materials accessible.

While church bulletins are not a commonly used archival document they are important. They document the weekly activities of a congregation. The rule of thumb in archives is that 20% of the records get used 80% of the time. We cannot judge the value of a document based on the frequency of its use. In this case the bulletins that helped Sherryl win her court case may never be used again, but their use secured the rights for others for years to come.

Conrad Stoesz October 2004.

## Once Upon an Archives



*Jean Bissett of the Riverview Health Centre, accepts award from the Chair of the AMA, Jody Baltessen*



*Storytellers Janelle Reynolds, Gerry Berkowski, and Jean Bissett*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, archivists gathered around the fireplace for another edition of Once Upon an Archives. In the cozy atmosphere of the University Women's Club, archivists and guests enjoyed holiday punch and other refreshments, while three colleagues shared stories from and about archives.

Story time was preceded by the presentation of an *Outstanding Achievement Award* to the Riverview Health Centre for development of its Heritage Museum and Archives Project. Jean Bissett, retired Coordinator of Education Services, accepted the award and, as the evening's first story teller, provided a retrospective of the Centre's history.

Janelle Reynolds presented a biography of the Reverend Duncan Archibald MacLean completed during a six-month

internship at The United Church of Canada Archives. A member of the Archives of Manitoba staff, she currently is completing a two-year internship with the Aboriginal Management Development Program which includes placements outside of government. Gerry Berkowski, City of Winnipeg Archives, told tales of the ghost sometimes sighted in the Archives, which is housed in the century old Carnegie Library building at 380 William Avenue.

Following the stories, archivists gathered in the dining room to enjoy a variety of snacks including my personal favourite, Nanaimo bars! The evening ended with the presentation of gifts to the storytellers, draws for prizes, and conversation among friends.

Happy Holiday Season!

Diane Boyd



*Members and guests enjoy stories*



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The Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, Oseredok, is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the exhibition: "A Legacy of Trust, Treasures from the Permanent Collection". The Gallery will feature the show from November 14, 2004 to March 19, 2005, Monday to Saturday, from 10-4 daily. Admission is free.

## ArchiBits

January 11, 2005

### ARMA Winnipeg presents: "Electronic Records 101", a day-long workshop with Paul Fisher of IBM Global Services

Winnipeg Squash and Racquet Club  
275 Stradbrook  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

This full-day session looks at the practical application of records management principles and tools to electronic records and what every organization, public or private, should do to meet the evolving information management blight. Topics include:

- Records management problems and challenges of managing electronic records
- The evolving legislative landscape and its impact
- Advantages and disadvantages of different approaches
- What every electronic records program should include

For more information, go to [www.armawinnipeg.org](http://www.armawinnipeg.org) and click on "Education & Programs".

### COPYRIGHT Workshop

with Jean Dryden

27 & 28 January 2005

Will include the following modules:

- Photographs
- Sound & Moving Images
- The Impact of Recent Supreme Court Decisions

**Registration Deadline January 14, 2005**

Don't delay – this session is filling fast!



There's a new addition in the Reid household! Dexter William Morton Reid was born approximately 5:30 am November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He weighed 8 pounds, two ounces. Congratulations to the proud parents.

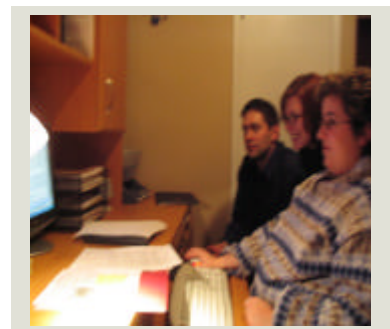
### JHC Exhibit

"Walking On"

A photo exhibit on the Mauthausen concentration in camp in Austria.

January 17 - March 30 2005

Visit the Marion and Ed Vickar Jewish Museum of Western Canada, 123 Doncaster Street. (Sponsored in conjunction with the Jewish Federation)



*The Information & Outreach Committee would like to thank all those who have contributed information and articles to ArchiNews/ArchiNouvelles this year!*